

REMARKS

Examiner previously rejected claims 3-6 under 35 USC 112 (first paragraph) as being based upon a non-enabling disclosure. The Examiner modified his position to the extent that the disclosure is enabling to the extent that "a phenol-based compound with long chains in the alkyl group" is employed as the color developer. Claims 3-6 have been amended to recite "a phenol-based compound with long chains in the alkyl group."

Examiner also rejected claims 3-6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yokota article and the patent of Maruyama et al. Pursuant to an interview with the Examiner on March 7, 2003, the Examiner has acknowledged that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed process.

Applicants believe that the present amendment adds no new matter.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner's prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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